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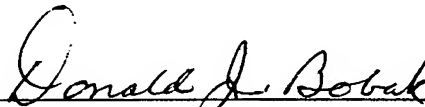
This first Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c), and before the mailing of the first Official Action. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97, regarding the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants hereby submit the following in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56. The art provided herewith is art which has come to the Applicants' attention within the last three months and subsequent to the filing of the last Information Disclosure Statement.

Information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto. It includes one U.S. patent and two Japanese patents. The Applicants have employed PTO Form 1449 for the purpose of convenience of the Office and the Examiner. No representation is made that a specific search has been made, that the information is pertinent to the claimed subject matter, that the information represents the only or the best information or that the information is non-cumulative of the art of record. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention but rather that it is information

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of which they are aware and that they believe should be provided to the Office in fulfillment of his duty of disclosure. Based upon the differences between the Applicants' invention as compared to the teachings and disclosures of the art provided, it is the Applicants' belief that their invention is neither anticipated nor suggested by these references. In the event further clarification of the art may be deemed necessary, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call from the Examiner. Should the Examiner hold a contrary opinion regarding relevance of any of the patents discussed herein, it will readily be reconsidered in light of any rejection which may be made.

Respectfully submitted,



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